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MAURITIUS IS A SMALL NATION ISOLATED BY HUNDREDS OF MILES OF OPEN OCEAN FROM ITS AEAREST AFRICAN NEIGHBORS. IT HAS NO REASON NOR SO FAR HAS INDICATED A DESIRE FOR MILITARY ARMS. INTERNAL SECURITY IS PROVIDED BY A WELL-ORGANIZED POLICE FORCE WITH A PARA-MILITARY SPECIAL MOBILE UNIT AVAILABLE FOR RIOT CONTROL AND SIMILAR OPERATIONS. GOM ALSO HAS A SMALL GUNBOAT ON LOAN FROM AND STAFFED BY THE INDIAN NAVY. WE SEE NO MOVEMENT NOW OR IN THE NEAR FUTURE ON THE PART OF GOM TO ACQUIRE AN ARMED FORCES CAPABILITY, ALTHOUGH GOM MAY UPGRADE INTERNAL SECURITY BY ADDITIONAL ARMOURED PERSONNEL CARRIERS OR OTHER RIOT CONTROL EQUIPMENT. GOM-UK DEFENSE AGREEMENT IS TERMINATING THIS YEAR. SHOULD MAURITIUS LOOK TO ANOTHER POWER FOR DEFENSE GUARANTEES, THE SITUATION MAY CHANGE. HEATLEY

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